

## APAG statement on the EU Bioeconomy Strategy

APAG – Oleochemicals Europe, sector group of Cefic, welcomes the European Commission’s Communication on the Bioeconomy Strategy, published on 27 November 2025, which reiterates the contribution that this sector provides to the EU.

Shifting the focus towards industrial deployment, market scale-up and competitiveness, the strategy aims to (i) scale innovation and investments; (ii) build new lead markets for bio-based materials and technologies; (iii) ensure sustainable biomass supply across value chains, and (iv) harness global opportunities.

By 2040 the European Commission aims to have widely deployed in the EU sustainable bio-based materials. APAG appreciates the recognition of bio-based chemicals as lead markets. This is a significant step forward as oleochemicals play a crucial role in reducing Europe’s reliance on fossil-based inputs, contributing to Europe’s strategic autonomy and climate goals.

APAG also highlights the following relevant points from the Strategy:

- The role of the upcoming Biotech Acts to simplify regulatory requirements and accelerate product authorisations
- Stimulate market demand for bio-based chemicals by introducing bio-based content requirements for products placed in the EU single market
- The need for efficient use of biomass, directing it toward higher-value applications that keep carbon longer in the loop
- The upcoming report in line with Article 3(3) RED to assess impact of Member States’ support schemes for biomass, including biodiversity, climate and environment, and potential market distortions
- The ongoing review of the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) methods that will improve how bio-based materials, chemicals and products are assessed and compared
- Developing permanent storage of biogenic carbon to support European leadership in net-zero industrial technologies
- Securing long-term prospects for the bioeconomy by reducing the need for primary biomass, encouraging the use of secondary feedstocks and promote a more circular bioeconomy

APAG stresses the need for a level playing field between competing biomass uses by applying a stronger cascading use principle, prioritising biomass in higher-value uses.

Committed in supporting the European Commission’s Bioeconomy Strategy APAG remains open in supporting the development of Europe’s bio-based sector through constructive dialogues.

